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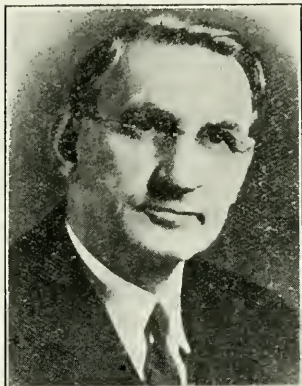
Old Social Hall

Latter-day Saints Have Always Been Lovers Of Music And Drama

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A NEW MISSION PRESIDENT APPOINTED

APPPOINTMENT of Elder Richard R. Lyman of the Council of Twelve Apostles as president of the European Mission is announced by the First Presidency of the Church. Elder Lyman, whose date of arrival is not yet known, succeeds President Joseph F. Merrill of the Council of Twelve Apostles, and will make his headquarters in London.



Richard R. Lyman

Will preside in Europe.

President Merrill has presided over the 11 missions in Europe, Asia and Africa since October 1, 1933. At present, with his wife, Sister Emily T. Merrill, he is attending a conference of European Mission presidents in Berlin.

Elder Lyman will be accompanied to Britain by his wife, Sister Amy Brown Lyman, first counsellor in the general presidency of the Relief Society. Both their names appear in *Who's Who In America*. He has a national reputation as a civil engineer (*Star*, Feb. 27). He and President Merrill are life-long friends. Besides teaching at the Uni-

versity of Utah (1896-1922), Dr. Lyman has been president and director of various business firms. His father (Francis M. Lyman) was an Apostle, as was his grandfather (Amasa M. Lyman). Born November 23, 1870, Dr. Lyman was ordained an Apostle April 7, 1918, and served in the Y. M. M. I. A. general superintendency 1922-35.

Elder Lyman is a writer in both non-technical and scientific fields. He received the J. James Crow medal for 1915, awarded by the American Society of Civil Engineering, for his paper on hydraulic engineering.

Sister Lyman is outstanding as a social worker and writer. Since 1911 she has been a delegate of America's National Council of Women and has served as recording secretary (1925-7), auditor (1927-9) and as third vice-president. She is now first counsellor of the Relief Society.

Before returning to his home in Salt Lake City, President Merrill, whose name is also listed in *Who's Who In America*, will act as chairman at the afternoon session, July 16, of the second International Congress of the World Fellowship of Faiths in the Great Hall of London University (*Star*, April 23).



Joseph F. Merrill

Will return to America.

MEMORIES OF KIDDERMINSTER

By Elder Wendell J. Ashton

IT was noontime in Kidderminster on Sunday. We had just come from the Primary Conference session and passed into the large Corn Exchange Hall adjoining the Town Hall, where the meeting had been held. Before us were long, white-topped tables set with daffodil centrepieces, and around the tables happy faces turned and nodded toward one another. There was a hum of friendship about the atmosphere.

A Preface

PREFACING the second annual Mission M. I. A. Conference was the first marriage ever to be solemnized in Kidderminster Branch Chapel, with the uniting Saturday morning, May 30 of Brother Lorenzo Percy Dunn, Birmingham District Y. M. M. I. A. supervisor, and Sister Doris Collins, first counsellor in Kidderminster Branch Y. W. M. I. A. presidency. Both are members of Kidderminster Branch.

The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father, Branch President Robert L. Dunn. Brother Arthur B. Collins, brother of the bride, gave her away, and Brother Leslie W. Dunn, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Sister Dulcie F. Collins, sister of the bride, and Hazel A. Dunn, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids. The bride wore ivory satin and organ-die with tulle veil embroidered with silk, and carried a bouquet of red rose buds and maiden-hair fern.

Their honeymoon? They spent it at Kidderminster Conference!

Fingering through a heavy roll of yellow ticket stubs, the man at the door told us that there were more than three hundred seated in the room, and that it was impossible to accommodate anyone else.

Surprising as it was, we received his announcement joyfully, for we realized that the Kidderminster Conference was growing. Last year community meals were served in Kidderminster Cooperative Hall, across the brick-laid street, and this year the Conference dining hall had been transferred to the Corn Exchange because the former was inadequate. In 1936 the expectations had again been surpassed!

And so the two of us walked out of the hall, and began searching through the winding, climbing streets of the world's carpet weaving centre for a place to purchase a "snack." Strolling up Station Hill, we found the door open in a little, frame-fronted shop. It was a typical country town place. Inside was displayed an assortment of sweets and fruits and kitchen articles.

A woman with silvery hair came from a room in the rear to wait on us. Her cheery face indicated that she recognized us by the yellow, silk ribbons on our coat lapels and the gold programmes in our hands. Almost before we could place our order, she enquired: "Have you seen Mr. Cunningham of London?" Tucking some tomatoes and apples into the paper

bag for us, she continued, "He stayed with us here last Conference, and we requested that he come to our place again this year. But he was not assigned here."



Millennial Star photographs by Claudius E. Stevenson.

A Camera's Diary of Kidderminster

Pictures: (1) Mission M. I. A. officers—Front, left to right: Elizabeth Cornwall, Gertrude Horlacher, Florence A. Bickerstaff; middle: Catherine L. M. Horner, Laura Dimler, Elise Mace, Lewis H. Tarr and Madeline E. R. Hill; back: Mildred Poole, David C. Thomas, Ralph W. Hardy, John Bleakley, M. Neff Smart, Dr. Ray M. Russell. (2) M Men Tracksters. (3) Luncheon at Corn Exchange. (4) Nancy E. Evans (Kidderminster) *Star*'s poetry contest winner. (5) Gleaner Chorus winners (Nottingham District)—Front, left to right: May Cook, Susie Massey, May Hewerdine and Elizabeth Cornwall (at piano); back: Edith Day, Dolly Blythe and Edith Limb. (6) President and Sister Joseph J. Cannon signing programmes. (7) Elder Evan Arthur, 74, who walked 35 miles to the Conference. (8) A session in Town Hall. (9) Joseph W. Darling (Belfast) M Men speech winner.

She paused. Then smiled, "But we are happy, anyway. We have three fine young men from Ireland, two from Newcastle, some from Nottingham and a gentleman from Portsmouth. We do enjoy the visits of you people."

By this time she had weighed up our fruit. As we turned to leave, she called to us, "Be sure to say hello to Mr. Cunningham for me—and tell him to come to see me before he leaves!"

That little experience, one in many during the three days at Whitsun-tide (May 30-June 1), is representative of the spirit that pervaded the second annual M. I. A. Conference at Kidderminster, supplemented this year with a Primary convention.

According to Elder Orson K. Taylor of the Accommodations Committee, Latter-day Saints lodged during the Conference at virtually all of the Kidderminster homes where delegates stayed last year, in addition to thirty new ones, making ninety in all. In visiting these homes before the Convention, at not one did the Committee find a family which was not ready to receive the visitors with alacrity. There were 315 saints and 110 elders who booked for accommodations.

The M. I. A. general session in the Town Hall Sunday evening was attended by approximately 600—150 more than attended this meeting last year. It seemed as though the Hall, where all of the general sessions were held, was prepared specially for the Conference, for inside the walls had been painted with pale Gold and the panels with Nile Green—the M. I. A. colours: Gold for power and glory, and Green for youth and growth.

IT was truly an international gathering. Delegates came from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and all parts of England. Some came on cycles, some in motorcars, some on motorcycles, in charabancs and trains—and some walked. Elder Evan Arthur, 74-year-old president of Merthyr Tydfil Branch, trudged 35 of the one hundred miles from Wales, and Sister Faith Rudd of Skelton Branch pedalled nearly 200 miles on a 24-hour bicycle trip from her Saltburn (near Newcastle) home. There were distinguished visitors from America, too, including Elder Elmer G. Peterson, president of Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, Utah, and his wife.

In addition to the Town Hall and the Corn Exchange, Kidderminster Branch Chapel and Cooperative Hall were scenes of sessions. The Conference was planned by the M. I. A. and Primary under the direction of the Mission officers: Dr. Ray M. Russell, superintendent; Brothers John Bleakley and Lewis H. Tarr, assistants, and Elder M. Neff Smart, executive secretary, of Y. M. M. I. A.; Sisters Catherine L. M. Horner, president; Madeline E. R. Hill and Ruth Elise Mace, counsellors; Florence Ann Bickerstaff, secretary-treasurer, and Rose B. Bailey, Bee-keeper, of Y. W. M. I. A., and Sisters Elizabeth Cornwall, supervisor; Celia B. Willmott and Edna Clayton Gadd, assistants, and Mildred Poole, secretary-treasurer, of the Primary.

Preliminary to the Conference a mission-wide elders' convention was held for three days in Kidderminster Branch Chapel under the direction of President Joseph J. Cannon.

The Conference began Saturday morning with Gleaner and Bee-Hive handiwork exhibits in the Chapel. Of the 35 articles in the Gleaner knitting wear display, London District contributed most, with seven. Ten districts were represented, and some of the exhibits were shown in the windows of Smiths' Woolen Store on Mill Street in Kidderminster. A feature of the exhibit was a Mission *Treasure of Truth* book, beautifully bound in Gold

and Green and about 15 by 20 inches in size. It contained pictures, stories and art work from most of the Mission's 72 branches.

The Mission M. I. A. Honour Day Saturday evening in the Chapel saw prizes distributed among several districts. A highlight was the M Men public speaking contest on the Conference theme, "The Promise Is Unto You." Finalists came from three lands: Brothers James McQueen of Glasgow Branch, garbed in the kilts of the Highlands; Peter Hamstead of Sheffield Branch, wearing an English serge, and Joseph W. Darling of Belfast Branch, with a large decoration of Emerald ribbon on his tweed coat. Brother Darling was victorious. A bookkeeper, he has been Belfast Branch president for a year. May has been an eventful month for him. He was born in May and joined the Church in May six years ago, was ordained a Deacon in May (1932), then a Priest in May (1935), and Elder in May (1935) and won the speech contest in May.

Sister Nancy E. Evans of Kidderminster Branch read her poem which won first prize in the *Millennial Star*-M. I. A. Kidderminster Poetry Contest, and Nottingham District Gleaners were awarded first place in the Gleaner Chorus Contest. From Mansfield Branch, the winners included Sisters Dorothy Blythe, Hilda Day, May Cooke, May Hewerdine, Susie Massey and Edith Limb (leader). Their £1 prize went to the Branch Building Fund.

The Russell M Men Achievement Plaque was awarded to Barnsley Branch (Sheffield District) M Men, of whom Brother George R. K. Birkhead is president.

Leeds District won the District Achievement Contest, award pins going to Y. M. M. I. A. Supervisor T. Irving Watkins and Y. W. M. I. A. Supervisor Lucy Ripley of that district.

A gala dance to the strains of Paul Raffman's new Rhythm Band (B. B. C. artistes) in the Town Hall climaxed Saturday's activities.

RAIN clouds which had sprinkled the streets during the night parted Sunday morning, and a burst of golden sunshine brightened the way to the Chapel, where a testimony meeting began at 8 a.m. Thirty powerful testimonies were borne. Then came the Primary Conference, conducted by Sister Cornwall. She read a message from Sister May Anderson in Salt Lake City, general Primary superintendent. Part of it reads: "We would like to enjoy your spirit, have you tell us of Primary work in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. But most of all, we would like to be there to say, 'God bless you.'" President Cannon and Sister Ramona W. Cannon, Mission Relief Society president, spoke, and a pageant, "We Will Serve The Lord," was presented by children of Kidderminster and Sparkbrook branches, directed by Sisters Gladys Elmes and Louise Adams. A hymn was rendered by the Singing Mothers.

Mission M. I. A. officers spoke at the afternoon session, which also included a playlet, "Home Night," given by Sheffield District M. I. A. under the supervision of Brother James R. Bargh. President Cannon and President Peterson were principal speakers at the evening meeting. Talks were also given by Elder Ralph W. Hardy, representing the M. I. A. boards, and Brother Darling. Sister Mace gave a retold story and Sister Inez C. Russell of London sang a solo.

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REFLECTIONS ON UTAH

FRESH off the press are two publications which portray a glimpse of present-day Utah and life among the Latter-day Saints with the picturesque photographs and phrases of veteran journalists and observers. One is *Speed on Salt*, a book written

by Captain George E. T. Eyston and W. F. Bradley. The other is a 47-page pictorial and feature article in the May number of the elite *National Geographic Magazine* by Leo A. Borah.

Captain Eyston's book (B. T. Batsford Ltd., London) gives a history of Utah's salt beds and his experiences there incident to his establishing the world's land speed record for 24 hours of 140.52 miles per hour average. This feat won for him Britain's Segrave Trophy for 1935, awarded to the Britisher accomplishing the outstanding demonstration of the possibilities of transport in air, land or water.

Some extracts from Captain Eyston's well-illustrated book, containing a foreward by Sir Malcolm Campbell, read :

On the extreme western edge of the state of Utah the world's finest motor speedway has been discovered. . . Had it not been for Jenkins' runs of 1933 and 1934 it is very doubtful if Sir Malcolm Campbell would have gone to Utah in 1935, and it is certain that John Cobb and ourselves would not have crossed the Atlantic. Jenkins is a rival against whom it is a pleasure to compete; but he is more than that—he is the man who made the competition possible. . . The feature which gave them (the International Automobile Association) the greatest concern was that one man had driven throughout (the 24 hours). No matter how enduring he might be, no man, they declared, was capable of holding the wheel for 24 consecutive hours at more than 110 miles an hour. Had they known that Jenkins was fifty years of age and that he had never tasted wine, beer, spirits, tea or coffee and that he was a total stranger to tobacco, their surprise would

have passed all limits. Ab Jenkins comes from a hardy stock. His parents were of Welsh origin and had travelled westward with that first party of Mormon emigrants which, in the face of incredible difficulties and at the cost of great physical suffering, had crossed the unexplored mountains and settled with Brigham Young in what is now known as Salt Lake Valley. . . .

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Sociability

NEIGHBOURLINESS, sociability and fondness for culture are characteristics of Latter-day Saint communities which two distinguished visitors, mentioned in this article, found in Utah.

Wherever saints are gathered, whether it be in Utah, in Kidderminster or in any land, there are outward expressions of an inner love for the arts. Less than five years after the Pioneer wagons rolled into Salt Lake Valley, a theatre was completed there. It was America's first theatre west of the Missouri River. A bust of Shakespeare, Britain's Bard of Avon, was placed above the stage "to inspire us to seek the best in literature," in the words of Elder Hiram B. Clawson, early manager of the Pioneer dramatic company. This recreational centre, Social Hall, is presented in picture on the *Star* cover. Dedicated January 1, 1853, it stood as a story in stone of Mormon culture until May, 1922.

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EDITORIAL

THE MILLENNIAL STAR—ITS CHARACTER AND WRITERS

NO two persons are exactly alike. Probably no two readers of the *Millennial Star* enjoy equally well the articles in the *Star*. Tastes of individuals often differ widely. The suggestion has been made to send a questionnaire to each *Star* subscriber to be filled in and returned to the *Star* office. By this means every subscriber would be given an opportunity to indicate to the management how the *Star* could be improved, how made more satisfactory to its readers. But this fine suggestion, like many good resolutions, has not been translated into action. Obviously it has some dangers.

Of course, the *Star* would like to please its readers—give them what they want, if this were feasible. But no-questionnaire has at least one virtue—it avoids trouble. For it is obvious that the subscribers could not all be equally pleased. No favouritism is now shown, for no subscriber has offered suggestions. Occasionally *Star* readers do the right thing and write for additional information on some matter discussed in the *Star*. Questions are always welcome.

But it has occurred to us that it would be well to tell our readers a few facts about the *Star*. Obviously, it is a religious paper; it aims to carry in each issue one or more messages having a religious value. Whatever else it does the *Star* aims to teach religion; to be a religious messenger. It is the organ of the British Mission of the Church. Hence the *Star* has narrow limitations, compared with most literary magazines. Further, its pages are few. The amount of material it can publish is therefore relatively small. It is not self-supporting. Its income does not pay all the cost of its printing and distribution. Its material is all contributed—costs the *Star* nothing. So the *Star* has never been promoted as a money-making venture. It has been published solely for the benefit of its readers.

It aims to be a faith-promoting journal, to be accurate and truthful in statement, to be sympathetic with and helpful to its readers, to give them important and interesting information, and to serve their religious needs as best it can under the limitations within which it operates.

Contributions within its field have been and are still solicited from its readers. Many of them, undoubtedly, can write interesting, faith-promoting articles. Please do so and send them in with the understanding, however, that the editors are at liberty to adapt them to the space available—to delete and modify as

conditions may warrant. Will our readers consider this an individual request? There is a lot of faith-promoting experience in the British Mission that has never yet been published. The *Star* would like to get this material. *Do it now!*

In any case, please feel at liberty to write any suggestions, designed to improve the *Star*, that may occur to you.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

THE BERLIN CONFERENCE

WITH the approval of the First Presidency of the Church, a conference of mission presidents in Europe is being held in Berlin, beginning June 11. The progress of the work in each mission during the past year is to be reported, experiences related, the solution of problems given, and plans evolved for the work during the year ahead. Each president will have something unique to contribute. Thus, out of the Conference will arise a clearer understanding of how the work can best be carried on during the coming year.

These are times of rapid change. Nothing seems permanent. Attitudes toward life and its numerous varying problems are continually changing. The great mass of the people seems indifferent to church service. Hence church services, on the average, are slimly attended. Are the people really growing indifferent to religion? There are many signs that they are. But signs are not always dependable evidence. In their natures people change but slowly, if at all. Man is a religious being. He may not attend church, may not engage in formal worship, nevertheless he may be deeply religious, be a sincere believer in Deity and a future life. Such a person will not oppose the churches even though he feels freer to worship God outside their organizations.

But the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have a vital message for the world. How can this message be delivered to the people of Europe? Ways and means of doing this efficiently is an ever-recurring problem. This is the theme of the Berlin Conference. It has many angles. These will be examined. The experiences of the past year will contribute their data. Wiser and stronger presidents will emerge from the Conference than enter it. For each will contribute something. The sum will be greater than any of its parts. The Lord's work will progress.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

PICTURES OF KIDDERMINSTER

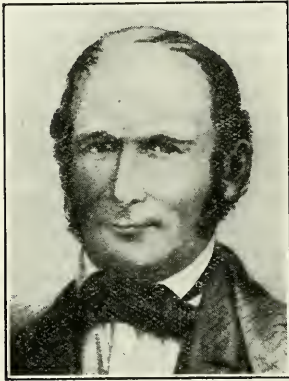
TO its readers, the *Millennial Star* offers an opportunity of obtaining photograph prints of scenes and personalities at Kidderminster Conference. Prints of all pictures on page 372 are available. Prices are: four photographs (3½ by 4½) for one shilling; enlargements (4½ by 6½) for ninepence each. All orders should be addressed to: The Photographer, *Millennial Star*, 5 Gordon Square, London, W. C. 1. Order by number on pictures.

THIS WEEK IN MORMON HISTORY

"The Father Of The British Mission"—The Man

OF America's 48 states, Vermont is one of the smallest in area. Tucked away in the rocky hills and fertile valleys of New England, its soils were settled by sturdy Britons early in the colonial period of the New World.

In diminutive Vermont and from the lineage of the British stock which pioneered it have come three mighty leaders in latter-day Israel. In a farmer's cabin in Sharon, almost in the centre of the State, was born one wintry day—December 23, 1805—Joseph Smith. He became the prophet and founder, under heavenly direction, of the restored Church. On a June day four years before, near the extreme southern border of the State, a babe later to be known as Brigham Young first saw daylight in a humble settler's home. Second president of the Church was the position which he later filled. Thirteen days later, on Vermont's northern extremity, near the long, inland finger of water, Lake Champlain, a blacksmith and his wife welcomed their fourth child into the world. Solomon Farnham Kimball and Anna Spaulding named this, their second son, Heber Chase. Born June 14, 1801 in the town of Sheldon, it was he who was later to take the Gospel to the land of his forbears, and, a modern Paul, become the "Father



Heber C. Kimball

He was a modern Paul.

of the British Mission" of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In this short treatise, no attempt will be made to outline the eventful life of Heber C. Kimball nor to treat his sojourns in Britain. The former would take too much space. The latter subject has been touched upon in this feature earlier, and will be mentioned later. However, an attempt will be made to briefly sketch a picture of this man's character.

Of Heber C. Kimball's qualities, most prominent are his fearlessness and frankness, his vision and discernment, his generosity and loyalty, and his willingness to sacrifice and to suffer for fundamentals which he knew were right.

The lines of William Wordsworth describe the boyhood of President Kimball:

Love had he found in huts where poor men lie ;
His daily teachers had been woods and rills ;
The silence that is in the starry sky,
The sleep that is among the lonely hills.

As a youth he did not care too much for books, but learned

from Nature, from the school of experience and hardship. At one time the Kimball family was so destitute that milkweeds, gathered from the fields and boiled, supplied their daily meal. Leaving school at 14 years of age, Heber toiled in his father's smithy, and later learned the potter's trade from his oldest brother, Charles, and, after his marriage to Vilate Murray, at the age of 21 years, he established a business for himself in Mendon, New York.

It was while living in Mendon that Heber C. Kimball became acquainted with Mormonism and with a life-long friend, Brigham Young. Three weeks after Heber had joined the Baptist Church in 1831, he received news that Mormon missionaries from Pennsylvania were conducting meetings in Victor, five miles from Mendon. Out of curiosity, he attended with Brigham Young. Doubtless Heber had heard something of Mormonism, for Mendon was only about twenty miles from Palmyra, where the Prophet Joseph Smith had published the Book of Mormon slightly more than a year before. Heber and Brigham received Mormonism's message with receptive ears and gladsome hearts.

But they did not join the Church then. They wished to think and pray more about it. A few week's later, at Heber's suggestion, the horses were harnessed to a sleigh, and, with two or three others, they travelled over 125 snowy miles to the Columbia Branch of the Church in Pennsylvania. For six days they attended Latter-day Saint meetings there before returning to Mendon. During the following Spring, Elder Alpheus Gifford visited the Kimball pottery. Heber arose, pulled off his apron, washed his hands and walked with Elder Gifford a mile to a stream in the woods, where he was baptized into the restored Church—one day after the baptism of Brigham Young. Almost immediately the two began missionary work, establishing branches of the Church in several of the surrounding communities.

SOME of the peaks of President Kimball's accomplishments in the Church might be scanned. In 1834 he was made a member of Zion's Camp, organized by Joseph Smith in Missouri, and he served as one of the Prophet's bodyguards. Then, with the Prophet, he worked in the quarries to supply stone for the Kirtland Temple, the magnificent structure that tears and toil built in the face of poverty and abuse, and February 14, 1835 he was ordained an Apostle. On his first mission to Britain (1837-8) in less than a year he and his associates converted nearly 1500 souls. He returned to the United Kingdom again in 1840. He was in the first company of Mormon Pioneers to cross the plains to the wilderness of Salt Lake Valley in 1847, and became one of the leaders in the western commonwealth, serving as lieutenant-governor of the State of Deseret from 1849 until his death June 22, 1868. He was sustained December 27, 1847 as first counsellor to President Young in the First Presidency.

President Young often said, "Heber is my prophet!" Indeed Heber C. Kimball many times enjoyed the spirit of prophecy. Months before receiving his call to open the British Mission, he predicted his trip to Europe and that Willard Richards would accompany him. And verily he did. In 1848, a year after the Pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley, he declared before a poorly clad congregation that "States goods" would soon be sold

in their desert dwelling cheaper than in New York City. He, himself, doubted the statement after he had uttered it, but within a few months the "gold rush" to California sent hundreds of prospectors scurrying across the Plains. In order to lighten their burdens so as to make faster time, many of them disposed of their possessions in Utah at incredibly low prices.

President Kimball's vision and generosity made him a modern "Joseph in Egypt" in the Valley in 1856. Three years before he prophesied an oncoming famine and admonished the saints to store their grains. When the lean year came, his bins were well stored. He gave several hundred bushels of wheat to President Young for disposal among the needy, and at his own home held "open house," feeding daily between 25 and 100 settlers at his table.

Elder Kimball looked into the future just as the Apostles of old did. He saw future events with the same heaven-inspired clearness, for he was in office and calling an Apostle in the same Church as was Peter, James and John and the other Apostles, restored in this latter day.

Courage of conviction was one of the cardinal virtues of this tall, well-proportioned man with thin, dark hair. His reply to mobbers as they menaced him with cocked guns while he stood captive before them in Far West during the terrible days of 1838 are typical:

I tell you Mormonism is true, and Joseph is a true prophet of the living God; and you with others that turn therefrom will be damned and go to hell, and Judas will rule over you.

The British Mission can well be proud to call such a man of virile and magnanimous qualities as Heber Chase Kimball its "Father."

Other Anniversaries This Week

June 13, 1837—A party of the first Mormon missionaries to Great Britain departed from Kirtland, Ohio for Liverpool. They were Elders Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde and Willard Richards and Priest Joseph Fielding. In New York they were later joined by John Goodson, Isaac Russell and John Snyder.

June 14, 1925—Kidderminster Branch Chapel was dedicated by Apostle James E. Talmage.

June 14, 1850—The Danish Mission was opened, with the arrival of Apostle Erastus Snow and Elders John E. Forsgren and George P. Dykes at Copenhagen.

June 15, 1815—Birth in Tullamore, Kings County, Ireland of Howard Egan, member of the first company of Mormon Pioneers and one of the "fathers" of the Pony Express.

June 15, 1850—The first issue of the *Deseret News* appeared in Salt Lake City. Today it is the only existing pioneer newspaper west of the Mississippi River.—WENDELL J. ASHTON.

MEMORIES OF KIDDERMINSTER

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Leeds District's name will be engraved on the Russell M Men Track and Field Cup as 1936 winners, and to Leeds District goes the honour of

winning the Mission's first Gleaner track meet. Newcastle District won the Mission's first Bee-Hive Contest trophy in other Mouday contests.

The three days of rejoicing culminated Monday evening with a farewell concert in the Town Hall. As part of the programme, pin awards were presented to Sisters Georgena Walker of Hull Branch (Gleaner) and Margaret Morris of Hexham Branch (Bee-Hive) for secretarial efficiency.

When night shades fell on the saw-tooth roofs of Kidderminster's weaving sheds, Conference delegates began to wend their way homeward. It was the twilight of a glorious convention, the aurora of a new season of promise in M. I. A. activity.

Results of the Track and Field Meets

M Men—District points: Leeds, 26; Birmingham, 16; Wales, 15; Sheffield, 11; Irish, 4. Events: 100-yard dash—Thomas I. Watkins, Leeds, :11.25*; high jump—John W. Perry, Wales, 4 feet 8 inches*; 220-yard dash—Arthur Warnes, Leeds, :26*; running long jump—Alvin Joseph, Birmingham, 18 feet 5 inches*; 440-yard dash—Thomas I. Watkins, Leeds, 1:02*; 880-yard relay—Wales, 2:03; 880-yard run—Thomas Birkhead, Sheffield, 2:28; Shot put—Alvin Joseph, Birmingham, 33 feet.* *Indicates new record.

Gleaner—District points: Leeds, 13; Nottingham, 12; Manchester, 6; London, 3, and Sheffield, 2. Events: 50-yard dash, Alice Kenworthy, Leeds, :07; 120-yard relay, Leeds; skipping relay, Nottingham, 2:38.5, and target throw—Mabel Brierley, Manchester.

REFLECTIONS ON UTAH

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On leaving England our conceptions of Utah were hazy and for the most part based on a few outstanding facts of its early history. Officially, we found the two Chambers of Commerce devoted to our interests, an enthusiastic Press and among the people a true Western hospitality devoid of any ostentation. Although the Bonneville Salt Flats are private property, the owners gratuitously placed them at our disposal.

From the *National Geographic Magazine* article entitled "Utah, Carved by Winds and Waters—The Beehive State, Settled Only 89 Years Ago, Stands a Monument to The Courage of Its Founders" are taken these excerpts:

The pioneers who settled in Utah took for their guidance a page from the manual of tireless Nature. In the inhospitable wastes of a dangerous frontier they literally hewed out farms and built cities. Their simple accounts of everyday struggles are heroic sagas of the winning of the West. . . . Neighbourliness is the keynote in Utah communities. Everywhere the warm-handed friendliness of the people makes the visitor feel at home. . . . When drought casts its blight over the land, the farmers help one another, the holders of primary irrigation rights willingly sacrificing a part of their own crops to release precious water for burning fields of their less fortunate neighbours. . . .

To Mormon settlers Utah Lake was the "Sea of Galilee" of their new "Holy Land," the river connecting it with the Great Salt Lake was, and is, a "Jordan," and Great Salt Lake was the "Dead Sea." . . . Later . . . I went to Temple Square, a walled park of ten acres near the centre of the city. There stand the stately Mormon Temple and the huge Tabernacle amid beds of flowers on gracious, tree-shaded lawn. . . . Radio listeners everywhere are familiar with the broadcasts of the famous Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir. . . . Salt Lake citizens have always been

lovers of music and drama. Soon after the city was founded they built a commodious theatre in which appeared some of the best known actors and musicians of their day. . . . Every time I visit Utah, the Commonwealth carved by winds, waters and hard work, I leave it with reluctance. Its scenery is ever unique, ever different; and its people are genuinely hospitable. In a radio address inviting his countrymen to see Utah, Secretary of War George H. Dern, eight years Governor of the State, expressed the spirit of his home folk: "As a non-Mormon citizen of Utah, I am happy to say that Mormon people are kindly, honest, warm-hearted, industrious, thrifty and progressive. . . ."

Forty-three pictures, 22 of them richly coloured, on Mormon landmarks and scenery in Utah accompany the narrative.

Yes, the world of travellers is beginning to chorus in with Latter-day Saints in the spirit of that stirring melody by the Welsh composer, Elder Evan Stephens—*Utah, We Love Thee!*—W. J. A.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt May 14, a bill passed by America's Congress authorizes the erection on Fort Douglas Military Reservation (near Salt Lake City) of a monument honouring The Mormon Pioneers. The marker will be erected by Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association on a site near the spot where President Brigham Young leaned out from his improvised sick bed in a covered wagon to gaze out over the mountain-rimmed desert and declare, "This is the Place." That was July 24, 1847.

Rotary International has a world-wide membership of 160,000

business and professional men, more than 18,000 of whom are Britons. Of Rotary's 4,000 clubs, only two cities in the world claim more than one. They are London, the globe's largest city, and Salt Lake City. The honour of having two Rotary clubs came to Salt Lake City May 1, with the organizing of Sugarhouse unit. Salt Lake City's first Rotary Club recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. Mr. Ed. R. Johnson, international president, was present on the occasion (*Star*, March 5). President Heber J. Grant is an honorary member of the club.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Events—Rivalry in ocean speed continues between Britain's *Queen Mary* and France's *Normandie*. Delayed by an 11-hour fog, the *Queen Mary* failed by a slight margin of wresting from the giant French liner the Blue Riband of the Atlantic. The British ship averaged 29,133 knots per hour in covering the distance from Bishop Rock, off Scilly Isles, to Ambrose Light (New York) in four days, five hours, 46 minutes. New York's welcome of the 79,000-ton liner June 1 was the most tumultuous since Colonel Charles Lindbergh returned from his Transatlantic flight in 1927. Interest for some time has been

centred on Britain's Cabinet. Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, former First Commissioner of Works, is now acting as Secretary for the Colonies, following the resignation of Mr. J. H. Thomas from the post. Mr. Thomas was found guilty June 2 by a Budget leakage tribunal of "an unauthorized disclosure of information relating to the Budget for the present year and that use was made by Sir Alfred Butt of that information for the purpose of his private gain." Emperor Haile Selassie, Ethiopia's conquered ruler, is visiting London in the interests of his lost empire. He arrived from Jerusalem June 3.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts : London—

A social and dance was held in Grafton Road School Wednesday, May 20, under the auspices of North London Branch Primary. The children entertained with songs and dances, and then a dance was held for adults. Brother James P. Hill was master of ceremonies, and Brother George Bickerstaff directed the dance band. The programme was planned by Sister Alice Willmott, Primary president, and Sister Celia Willmott and Brother Albert M. Willmott.

Leeds—Two concerts, a social and Mother's Day services featured the May Festival in Halifax Branch, under the guidance of Branch President Edgar Mallinson. A concert was presented in Halifax Saturday, May 9, and in Bradford Saturday, May 16. Fourteen artistes were directed by Sister Susie Nanney and Y. M. M. I. A. President Frank Haigh, with Brother Frank Holroyd accompanying at the piano. Thirty-four supporters accompanied the concert troupe. Elder A. Leslie Derbyshire was master of ceremonies at the Halifax Branch social Thursday, May 14. A party for those participating in the concerts was held Thursday, May 21.

Irish—On the shores of Belfast Lough, opposite historic Carrickfergus Castle, baptismal services

were held Saturday, May 16, under the direction of Branch President Joseph Darling. Those baptized were Evelyn Dodds, baptized by Elder Austin M. Scott and confirmed by Brother T. H. Fulton; Muriel Donnelly, baptized by Supervising Elder Dudley M. Leavitt and confirmed by Elder Scott, and William Blake Stewart, baptized by Elder Leavitt and confirmed by Brother Joseph Ditty.

Through Press Eyes

The eyes of the Press were on Kidderminster M. I. A. and Primary Conference at Whitsuntide. Articles in Midland newspapers indicate that. All published commendatory articles, several printed Convention pictures and columns of details. Among newspapers carrying accounts were Birmingham's *Gazette*, 140,000 circulation (June 1), headlined "Latter-day Saint Conference"; Worcester's *Evening News* (May 30 and June 1); *Daily Independent* (May 30) and Kidderminster's *Shuttle* (June 5) and *Times* (June 5).

Representative of the attitude of Kidderminster citizens toward Conference delegates is a paragraph written to an elder as he said farewell to a family with whom he had lodged for the week:

"I have been taking lodgers for four years and in this time I have never had finer folk here than the Latter-day Saints.

(Signed) "MRS. BROADHURST
10a Lea Street."

Assisting in planning the event were Sister Dora Greene, Beekeeper, and Sisters Faith Dunn, Doris Adams and Violet Grundy and Miss Joan Tomey.

The annual M Men-Gleaner banquet was held in Handsworth Branch hall Saturday, May 23 amidst streamers of Gold and Green. Sister Alice Collins was in charge of catering and Sister Beatrice Horner and Brother Bernard Green, the decorations. More than seventy

Birmingham—Culminating their course for the year, Handsworth Branch Bee-Hive Girls sponsored a concert and social in the branch hall Wednesday, May 20. Among the numbers given were pianoforte recital, Brother W. S. Boyd; humorous vocal solo, Brother Charles Collins, and a sketch, "The Dear Departed," by the Bee-Hive Girls, directed by Sisters Alice Collins and Winifred Makin.

guests enjoyed the programme. Sister Collins was presented a large bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for her work in preparing for the event.

Scottish—The Second Aberdeen Troop of Boy Scouts (Unitarian Church) witnessed the Red Indian demonstration of Elders Ralph W. Harly and David C. Thomas Friday, May 22, and the night previous the performance was given for Aberdeen saints in the Corn Exchange Hall.

Nottingham—Branch President Frank Orme conducted Derby Branch conference in the branch hall Sunday, May 17, with Super-

vising Elder Richard G. Smith and District President Samuel Pears as principal speakers.

Sheffield—As tokens of love and respect, white carnations were presented to mothers at Mother's Day services in Doncaster Branch hall Sunday, May 10.

An M. I. A. concert and social was held in Doncaster Branch Hall Wednesday, May 13, proceeds going to the Branch Building Fund. Honoured guests were Supervising Elder Alva D. Greene, branch president; Elder John B. Hoge and Brother John Ianson-Holton, district Y. M. M. I. A. supervisor.

ON THE ROAD TO KIDDERMINSTER

Oh, we made a start at the break of day,
The road was hard and the skies were grey,
But eager hearts made light the way
On the road to Kidderminster.

The hills were steep and the road was long,
But our hopes were high and our hearts
were strong,
And we pedalled along with a cheerful song,
On the road to Kidderminster.

We pedalled along with might and main;
The wind in our faces blew all in vain,
And what did we care for a shower of rain,
On the road to Kidderminster.

When the sun came up and the wind went
down,
The sunlight clothed in a golden gown
Each farm and factory and little town
On the road to Kidderminster.

Down the winding road past the lovely
Trent
When the hard, hot day was well nigh spent,
Down the last long stretch of the way we went
On the road to Kidderminster.

The journey was past, but the hours, too
few,
Of the full, rich days too swiftly flew—
The sweetest days that I ever knew,
I spent then in Kidderminster.

Can days to come ever seem more fair?
Will my heart ever hold a richer share
Of the joy of friendship, praise and prayer
Than I found in Kidderminster?

Whatever the years may hold in store
When my soul is weary or sad or sore,
I pray that my heart may travel once more
Down the road to Kidderminster.

—ELDER A. LESLIE DERBYSHIRE.

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